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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Previously Cancelled)

2.   (Previously Cancelled)

3.   (Previously Cancelled)

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5.   (Previously Cancelled)

6.   (Previously Cancelled)

7.   (Previously Cancelled)

8.   (Previously Cancelled)

9.   (Presently Amended) A method comprising:

running guest software in a processor mode that enables the guest software to

operate at a privilege level intended by the guest software;

identifying an attempt of the guest software to perform an operation restricted by

said processor mode;

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determining that whether the attempt of the guest software would succeed if the

guest software was running outside said processor mode;

allowing the guest software to attempt the operation if the attempt of the guest

software would not succeed if the guest software was running outside said

processor mode; and

exiting said processor mode to transfer control over the operation to a virtual

machine monitor running outside said processor mode if the attempt of the

guest software would succeed if the guest software was running outside said

processor mode.

10.   (Previously Cancelled)

11.   (Previously Cancelled)

12.   (Previously Cancelled)

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17.   (Previously Cancelled)

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28.   (Previously Cancelled)

29.   (Previously Cancelled)

30.   (Previously Cancelled)

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